IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title: SOLID ORAL DOSAGE FORM COMPRISING A COMBINATION OF

METFORMIN AND GLIBENCLAMIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.